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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" As these girls' schools have been transferred to the ordinary ranges, the Sub-Assistant Inspectresses of Schools who are asked to inspect the girls' schools will now be under the District Educational Officer. If so, what is the need for maintaining such a large number of Inspectresses of Girls' Schools? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " Previously the number of schools which the Inspectress had to inspect was sometimes nearly one hundred but now that number has been reduced for the sake of efficiency."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I take it that there has been no retrenchment in regard to the Inspectresses of Girls' Schools? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " No, Sir."

K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I inform the Hon. Minister that on account of the amalgamation, there is a great difficulty so far as Muslim women teachers who observe purdah are concerned on account of the fact that male inspectors have to visit these Muslim girls' schools? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " No, Sir."

K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Sir, there has been some difficulty in Muslim girls' schools and the Muslim women teachers who observe purdah are feeling a great difficulty because male inspectors are inspecting their schools."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " There may be some schools like that. When such cases are brought to the notice, then inspectresses will be asked to inspect those schools. But, in a majority of schools, there is no difficulty and even in places like Malabar where there are many women teachers, there is no purdah in a majority of cases."

K. UPPI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know how many such Muslim women teachers are there? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " The hon. Member must know better. He may put a separate question."

Admission to Agricultural Colleges.

*94 Q.—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to lay on the table of the House—

(a) a list of those who have been selected for admission to the Agricultural Colleges from the districts of Rayalaseema together with the marks obtained by them in their group subjects; and

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(b) the names of the topmost six of the applicants from the Brahman community who have been refused admission into the Colleges and the marks obtained by them in their group subjects?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (a) & (b) A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House."

Students of Tanjore district admitted into Agricultural Colleges.

* 95 Q.—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to lay on the table of the House—

(a) a list of those who have been selected for admission into the Agricultural Colleges from the Tanjore district together with the marks obtained by them in their group subjects; and

(b) the names of the topmost six of the applicants from the Brahman community who have been refused admission into the colleges and the marks obtained by them in their group subjects?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (a) & (b) A statement [b] is laid on the table of the House."

SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIKAR :—" Are there any other essential qualifications prescribed like good physique and good parentage?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Yes, Sir. In case of admission to the Agricultural College, besides the acadamic qualifications, factors such as whether the family has got lands and whether the person has a good physique are also taken into consideration in selecting persons."

Working conditions of sweepers.

* 96 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri P. R. K. Sarma) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether all sweepers in Government hospitals and even those who were on the permanent establishment previously have been treated as " contingent " staff;

(b) whether the Government consider the work and services of the sweepers in hospitals and public health institutions as continuous and permanent;

(c) if the answer is in the affirmative, why they should be treated as contingent; and

(d) whether the menial staff in the Government Press and elsewhere have been similarly treated as a new " contingent " service?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Sweepers in Government hospitals were never borne on the permanent establishment; they have always been, and still are, on the contingent establishment.

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 280–283 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix VII on pages 283–284 infra.